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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
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Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al ) Art Unit: 3725  
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Appl. No. : 08/669,313 ) Ex: L. Larson  
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Filed : July 8, 1996 )  
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For : SHEET METAL MEMBER HAVING AN )  
ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL AND )  
A METHOD OF THICKENING AN )  
ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL OF )  
THE SHEET METAL MEMBER )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**


Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION :**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 9 with the following:

 Figs. 2 to 5 show stages or three steps in which the disc member 11 is held between a circular bottom pattern tool 33 and a circular top pattern tool 34, and the flange-shaped portion 13 is gradually thickened by using circular rollers 35 to 38 of several configurations.

**REMARKS**

A formal correction to page 8 of the specification is being submitted with this Preliminary Amendment to clarify the description so that it refers to the steps claimed.

Several points should be raised regarding the Board's decision for consideration in this